

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Chesterfield County is the most populous jurisdiction in the Richmond metropolitan area. Its estimated population as of January 1, 2003 is 278,000 people. Although Chesterfield County's growth rate slowed significantly during the 1990's, it has begun increasing more rapidly since 2000.

The racial composition of the county has been changing. Between 1990 and 2000 the white population decreased from 85 percent of the total population to about 75 percent, while the black population increased from 13 percent to 18 percent. The Hispanic population grew the most rapidly, increasing over 200 percent. However, Hispanics still comprise only 3 percent of the total population. The Asian population grew as well, now making up about 2.5 percent of the population.

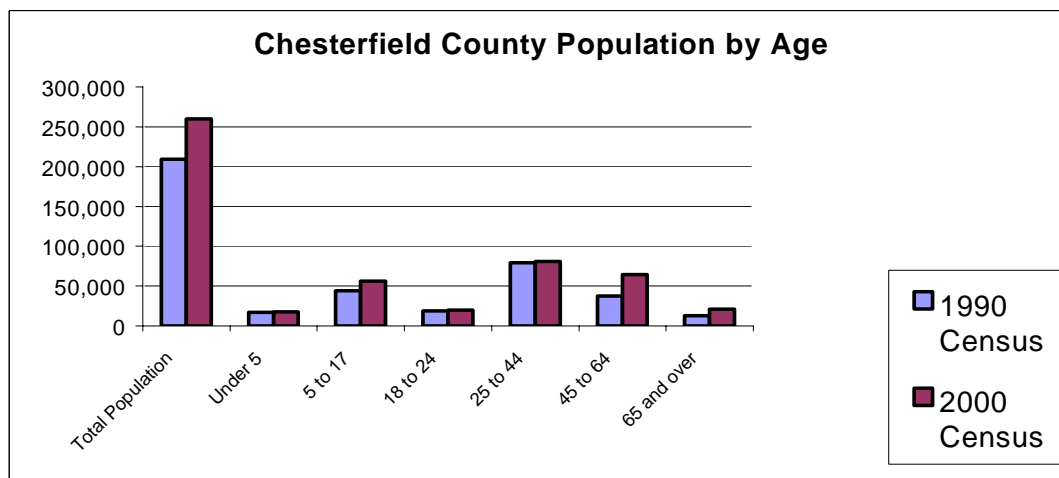
People 45 years old and older were the most rapidly growing segment of the population in the county between 1990 and 2000. Children under 18 years old comprise 28 percent of the total population.

Single-parent households headed by a male grew most rapidly (an increase of 70 percent between 1990 and 2000), but they comprise only 5 percent of households with children.

Chesterfield County Population by Age

	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percent of 2000 population	Percent change between 1990 & 2000
Total population	209,274	259,903		24%
Under 5	16,834	17,513	7%	4%
5 to 17	44,101	55,941	22%	27%
Total under 18	60,935	73,454	28%	21%
18 to 24	18,720	19,896	8%	6%
25 to 44	79,280	80,972	31%	2%
45 to 64	37,524	64,601	25%	72%
65 and over	12,815	21,007	8%	64%
Median age	31.9	35.7		

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department



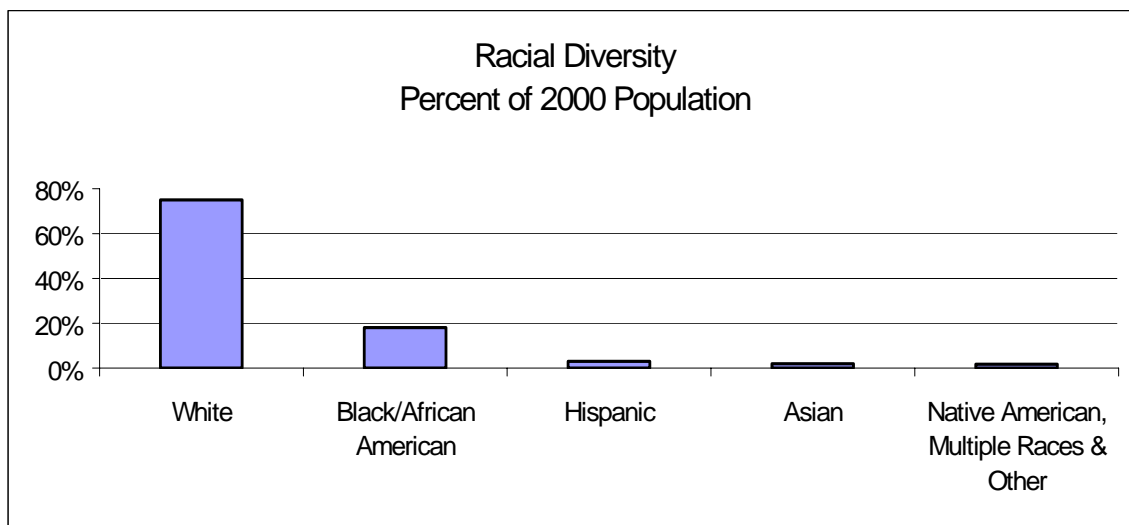
Chesterfield County Racial Diversity

	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percent of 2000 population	Percent change
White	177,067	196,076	75%	11%
Black/African American	27,196	45,797	18%	68%
Hispanic	2,511	7,617	3%	203%
Asian	3,738	6,123	2%	64%
Native American	487	795	0.3%	63%
Other*	786	472	0.4%	-40%
Multiple races**		3,023	1%	-
Total	209,274	259,903		24%

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department

* This category may have decreased because of the new "Multiple Races" category in the 2000 census.

** New category in 2000 census.



Chesterfield County Households

	1990 Census	2000 Census	Percent change
Total households	73,441	93,772	28%
Total households without children under 18	38,911	52,895	36%
Total households with children under 18	34,530	38,203	18%
Married couple	28,152	29,652	5%
Female headed	4,974	6,687	34%
Male headed	1,096	1,864	70%
Mean family-size	3.18	3.11	

Source: Chesterfield County Planning Department

Population Growth in Chesterfield County, 1996 to 2003 (Estimates are as of Jan. 1)

January 1	Total population	Total increase	Annual growth rate
1996	242,400	5,400	2.30%
1997	248,000	5,300	2.20%
1998	251,800	3,800	1.50%
1999	254,200	2,400	1.00%
2000	258,500	4,300	1.70%
2001	264,000	5,500	2.20%
2002	271,000	7,000	2.70%
2003	278,000	7,000	2.70%

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